



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 3, 2010

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 7.0

Soil moisture supplies: 35% very short, 46% short, and 19% adequate

Field Crops Report

Beautiful weather and mild winds ushered in fronts with cooler temps and minimal traces of precipitation this week; this caused drought conditions to worsen across Louisiana. The cotton harvest remained well ahead of the norm, reaching 75 percent harvested, 35 points ahead of the five-year average. Pecan harvest started this week. The rice ratoon crop progressed well. Dry weather allowed for rapid soybean harvest. Soybean harvest aides were used to harvest beans sooner with less damage. Sweet potato harvest was well ahead of the five-year average with 40 percent harvested. Sugarcane harvest began this week. Many grain farmers prepared land for wheat planting. Higher wheat prices caused a big interest in wheat planting this year.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry producers laid black plastic in fields and planted strawberry plants. Vegetable producers planted fall crops. Cabbage and tomato fields were sprayed for insects.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Some crawfish producers flushed ponds to enhance growth. In some areas, preparations of ryegrass fields were delayed because growers needed to utilize what little grass they still had. Some producers utilized rice stubble for grazing instead of a ratoon crop since hay yields have been hampered by dry conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Bolls Open	100	99	92	98
	Harvested	75	69	15	40
Hay	Second cutting	99	99	96	98
Pecans	Harvested	5	0	3	2
Rice	Harvested	98	96	93	96
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	95	89	85	90
	Harvested	76	67	56	71
Sugarcane	Planted	99	95	94	90
	Harvested	4	0	1	1
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	40	32	22	34

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	10	27	38	24
Sweet Potatoes	4	6	31	58	1
Livestock	5	18	39	35	3
Vegetables	18	28	37	16	1
Pasture	17	34	34	14	1

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/27/10 TO 10/03/10

	AIR				WEEKLY TOTAL	PRECIPITATION		
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM		FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	90	50	70	71	0.01	0.46	19.16	38.11
Minden	89	50	69	71	0.00	0.91	25.84	41.24
Mooringsport	90	50	69	MM	0.00	1.40	29.19	34.58
Extreme/Average	90	50	69	71	0.00	1.16	27.52	39.14
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	87	51	69	71	0.00	0.96	26.41	41.59
Homer/Hill Farm	86	(43)	66	70	0.00	0.24	27.03	41.62
ULM-Monroe	87	50	69	71	0.00	0.56	27.36	43.14
Columbia Lock	87	54	70	MM	0.00	0.25	20.02	44.67
Extreme/Average	87	43	69	71	0.00	0.50	25.21	42.53
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	86	52	68	71	0.10	1.00	22.71	43.85
LSU-St Joseph	88	48	69	72	0.00	0.52	28.38	42.62
LSU-Winnsboro	88	53	70	72	0.00	2.84	25.13	41.96
Tallulah	85	52	69	71	0.20	0.27	27.06	43.93
Extreme/Average	88	48	69	72	0.08	1.16	25.82	43.03
4. West-Central								
Leesville	(94)	44	69	72	0.00	0.70	24.15	42.99
LSU-Rosepine	MM	MM	MM	73	0.00	0.76	30.98	44.09
Natchitoches	MM	MM	MM	72	0.00	0.37	22.62	40.61
Ashland	88	43	67	70	0.00	0.86	21.32	41.09
Extreme/Average	94	43	67	72	0.00	0.86	21.32	41.85
5. Central								
Alexandria	90	56	73	74	0.00	1.81	34.20	44.89
Bunkie	88	51	70	73	0.00	1.22	41.72	46.17
LSU-Alexandria	89	51	71	72	0.00	1.14	32.19	43.73
Extreme/Average	90	51	71	73	0.00	1.39	36.04	45.58
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	88	55	71	MM	0.00	0.74	41.66	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	86	54	70	73	0.01	0.58	36.84	48.24
Amite	89	50	69	73	0.00	0.01	39.46	51.98
LSU-Hammond	87	49	69	73	0.45	0.48	38.85	50.66
Slidell	85	55	70	74	0.69	2.82	54.96	50.09
Extreme/Average	89	49	70	73	0.23	0.93	42.35	50.60
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	90	54	72	73	0.00	0.52	32.26	45.70
Jennings	90	54	71	74	0.03	0.89	39.28	46.35
LSU-Crowley	88	54	72	74	0.00	1.34	34.54	46.37
Extreme/Average	90	54	72	74	0.01	0.92	35.36	47.12
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	51	69	74	0.46	4.04	44.14	48.88
LSU-Jeanerette	88	53	70	73	0.11	2.66	46.27	49.52
Morgan City	87	58	73	75	0.11	0.94	34.19	52.25
Extreme/Average	88	51	70	75	0.29	3.35	45.21	49.97
9. Southeast								
Galliano	89	58	72	75	1.25	2.16	53.76	53.57
Houma	90	51	71	75	0.09	3.66	46.67	52.03
Terrytown 3S	89	59	73	MM	0.15	1.21	45.81	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	90	51	72	76	0.50	2.34	48.75	51.78
State								
Extremes/Averages	94	43	70	73	0.12	1.33	34.68	46.00

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through October 03, 2010

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